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AQA A Level Sociology

Examination 100%

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods (33.3%)

In this paper, you will study a range of different topics. For example, the role of education; why certain groups (e.g. girls) do better than other groups (e.g. boys); how government policy affects education **all of which you will have covered in year 12**

In addition, you will learn how to apply your knowledge of research methods to a scenario linked to education **which you will have practiced in year 12**

Finally, there will be some synoptic essays linking theory and methods (e.g. is sociology a science?)

Paper 2: Families and Households & Beliefs in Society (33.3%)

In the family section, you will look at childhood; demographic changes; changes to family & household structures (e.g. more lone parents); and how government policy affects life in the family **all of which you will have covered in year 12**

In the Beliefs in Society section you will study a range of topics. For example, the role of religion; the secularization debate; the growth of New Age and New Religious Movements (sect and cults) and explain why different social groups may be more or less religious than others.

Both sections will be assessed by a 2 hour exam paper in which you will complete two mini-essays and a normal essay on each of the two topics.

Paper 3: Crime & Deviance with Theory & Methods (33.3%)

In the Crime & Deviance section you will study a range of topics. For example, why are some groups more criminal than others; the role of the media in crime; green crimes and state crimes?

In addition, you will also have to answer questions on the year 12 Research Methods topics and touch on the same synoptic themes that were addressed as part of the preparation for paper one.

All exams in the Summer